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EXAMINER ISAAC H. HAMILTON

TITLE: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING RECLAIMED
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Second Response After The Final Rejection of July 30, 2003

This response is filed within two months of the Final Rejection, and thus an
Advisory Action is expected.

Claims 10, 11, 12, 14 and 18 are retained, amended and shown to be patentable.

This response is necessary to respond to issues presented by the Examiner for the
first time in the Final Rejection, to which applicant has had no previous chance to discuss
and overcome.

This second amendment after Final Rejection responds to the advisory Action
of Aug. 15, 2003.

Claim 10 is now presented with amendments to overcome the "new issue"
comments of the Examiner. Thus entry of this amendment for action on the merits is
respectfully solicited.